TIPPING IN RICHMOND IS A PRONOUNCED EVIL

So Declares a Much-Traveled Tourist Who Recently Spent Several Days at a Leading Hotel.

STATES WITH ANTITIPPING LAW

Virginia Has No Such Statute, but the Legislature is Still in Session. Traveler Who Speaks Vigorously, but Properly.

A tourist from "Somewhere in West Virginia" was recently in Richmond, and spent the better part of a week here. A combination of business and pleasure had called him to several Atlantic coast cities, Richmond being the last on his list. He was accompanied some time past. However, there is yet by a member of his family, and they hung out while here at one of the and slow movement of things shipped crack hotels. The man from the Moun- by freight trains. tain State took in all of the sights of up, and made something of a study of Richmond and its institutions.

Just before leaving the city for his

home, this much-traveled fourist un-bosomed himself to a man of news. He was favorably impressed with many things he saw in Richmond, in fact, the most of them. Some things he mildly criticized as having room for some improvement, and there was one thing he condemned in language which, while proper enough, was quite vigor-ous, and that was the tipping evil. He said: "I have encountered this evil in all of my travels for years past, but I think it is to be met with in the most intense and most persistent form

here in Richmond than in any place I have ever struck. And you strike it nearly everywhere you go; but, of course, it's a little worse in the hotels and restaurants than elsewhere. You have fine hotels in Richmond, but the evidently do not pay their servants enough for them to live on, and these enough for them to live on, and those servants have to look for, even demand, tips to fill up on. One day, the weather being very bad, I spent the entire day in the hotel, much of the time in the lobby, and the tipping expense that day was quite as large as pense that day was quite as large as my hotel bill, and your hotels hav failed to regulate their charge failed to regulate their charges according to the high cost of living either. Every time I called upon a servant for anything, however trivial, the hand was passed out for a tip. I had a half dozen or more telephone calls that day, and every time the bell boy who bellowed my name through the lobby demanded his tip when I answered him, and he had summoned me to the phone. Never saw that done anywhere but in Richmond. Some States have antitipping statutes, making it a misdemeaner to give or receive tips. Virginia needs such a law ceive tips. Virginia needs such a law worse than any State I have traveled in, and I have toured from ocean to

the antitipping laws referred to by the traveler. They are Illinois, Iowa South Carolina, Tennessee, Mississipp and Arkansas. When the through train crosses the border of one of these Itain crosses the border of one of these States, the Pullman conductor is re-quired to put up a sign notifying the passengers that it is against the law to tender a tip or to receive one. In seven other States bills were intro-duced this winter in the Lerislaturea with the object of ending the practice of tipping, but whether any of these bills became law, the deponent sayeth not. These States are: New York, West Virginia, Kentucky, Minnesota, Missouri, Colorado and California. The Virginia, Loriado Virginia Legislature is now in session

BEANS TO GO HIGHER YET

Government Commandeering All in Sight in California—1 rging Growers to Plant More Largely.

Merchandise brokers and wholesale dealers have received notice that they may look for a sharp advance in all kinds of beans. The reason assigned is that the government has commandeered all the navy beans in California for the use of the army and navy. Indications are, so they say, that beans in all other parts of the country will be taken over by the government, the largest amount being in Michigan. Stocks are very low, according to the brokers, who say the present prices are liable to be advanced within the next three weeks from 12 to 13 a bushel. The information in Richmond is that the government has commandeered 20, 600,000 pounds of he ns recently received at California ports from Japan and India. Profittions are that the government may also take over the colored beans so largely grown in Colorado and cranberry beans of California, within the near future. Government agents are now at work in the bean producing States, including Virginia, urging more extensive planting than last year. Merchandise brokers and wholesale ing than last year.

TRAIN SUSPENSION

Talk of Having "Passengerless" Days to Furnish More Engines for Coal Hauling.

workers in Ohio and in the northwestern part of West Virginia have indersed resolutions petitioning Director General of Railways McAdoo to suspend the operation of passenger trains one or two days each week, and to use the engines thus released for the hauling of empty coal cars to the

The Coal Age, of New York, half way indorses the plan it says
"Such a course is worth the trial. Business houses could be informed for instance, that passenger trains would not operate on Tuesdays and Fridays of every week, and traveling men could adjust their schedules according the event that government officials found it necessary to reach certain points on these days, ceaches could be If sufficient warning of such a plan were given, it would meet with much less opposition than the fuel admin-

Review of Week's Trade in Richmond

Busy Monday Again---Better Weather--- Improvement Naturally Follows.

With fuelless Monday a thing of the past and the weather conditions in the main favorable, there was no itch or break in general trade and usiness in Richmond last week. The hipping situation has also shows creat improvement and, by the help of express and parcel post for smaller orders and leaving the larger shipments for the yet slow freight trains. the retailers in all lines have been able to get their hurry orders attended to in a more businesslike way than for great complaint of freight congestion

Just how great the losses to the Richmond, from Justice John's court retailers by the fuelless Mondays have got a satisfying funch there for 15 been nobody knows, and now that the lid has been lifted the merchants are too busy to figure them out, and they will soon be forgotten.

With Easter barely a month off the Easter trade is well on and the Broad Street men report it very good so far.
The jobbers had a fairly good week
both as to sales and collections. They
are getting cheering reports from their who report that country erchants, encouraged by the opti-ulam of the farmers all over the outh, are preparing for big spring usiness and even bigger fall business. he consequence is that they are not cture shipments larger than they ere disposed to do a year ago. It my be said also that the country nerchants have given up all hope of truy cutting of prices. On the con-trary they look for higher and higher notations every time they receive a ircular letter or a price catalogue. his is an additional incentive to make heir orders large.

All of the manufacturing establish ents of Richmond are running full inc. some of them doubling the length f the days by running two shifts. lore of them would do the same thing stablishments.

Altogether, Richmond is doing well, ery well, for war times, and the peode just keep on investing in war tamps, a business that was as active a could be expected all of last week.

AS TO POULTRY TRADE

anges Made by Healess Orde Frozen Fowls Now All the Go. Guineas in Demand.

Henless and pulietless days are now n as decreed by the food adminis-ration, and will continue until the ret day of April. The farmers and oultrymen had until Saturday last to et rid of their surplus old hens and heir unpromising pullets, which they lways put on the market in the period etween the going of the Christmas urkeys and the coming of the spring ners and pullets to the commission merchants, and the Thirteenth Street and Cary Street men had a rush of misiness all the week. By Saturday afternoon all of the coops were empty in the heads of the late occupants and been chopped off.

Beginning this morning the men who have stocks of frozen chickens a the storage warehouses will have he husiness of supplying poultry for the tables of Richmond all in their own hands. Fortunately several of

guines chickens that have been and re being rushed to market to take he place of hens and pullets and the eft-over turkeys will keep Richmond retty well supplied until the ban is

IMPROVEMENT NOTED

Blockades Less Frequent and Dry Goods Shipments Have Some Show. Woolens Without Change.

The Dry Goods Economist, of New Vork, a recognized authority in it field, in its current issue throws modicum of cheer to Richmond re-It says:

Some improvement is noted in the califord situation. Blockades are less (requent and less important. Emparreceived and less important. Endataroses established recently are still in
force, and the shipment of merchandise
by express when possible, is increasing. The volume of shipments of
goods by parcel post is well maintained. Thus, some relief from transportation delays is felt, but only in the
case of the less bulky merchandise. case of the less bulky merchandise. Freight shipments to distant centers are subject to exasperating delays.

There has been no change in the

Quotations are firm and the expecta-tion is general that they will con-tinue firm for some time to come. Raw silk prices in Yokohama have receded 5 to 10 cents per pound, ac-cording to recent cable reports.

In cotton piece goods, short stocks and high prices are the rule. An advance of 4 per cent has been made in the price of print cloth convertibles. A leading printer has issued a new price list showing advances of one-cighth to one-fourth cent per yard on the various numbers. Some leading lines of stante cights have been also lines of staple ginghams have been withdrawn from sale, while dress ging-hams are being sold at list prices with discounts so shortened as to make the prices nearly net.

OLD-TIME COAL FAMINE

tawes Broke it Fifty Years Ago—In Same Business at Same Stand To-Day

In the "News of Fifty Years Ago

attached to the rear end of mail trains. If sufficient warning of such a plan were given it would meet with much less opposition than the fuel administration's workless day order.

The fuel situation it this part of the country has been greatly improved and now that spring is approaching greater improvement may be expected and likely no such drastic measure as above outlined will be necessary here, but no one knows what a day may bring forth. If the director general issues such an order for the territory named he may make it to apply to far down as Virginia.

Want 2-Cent Piece Back.

The American Newspaper Publishers' Association, recently in session in Washington, appealed to the Treasury Department to resume miniting of 2-cent coins. The coin, it was pointed out, would provide a convenient medium of exchange in purchasing newspapers, the price of which has generally advanced to 2 cents because of the news-print paper shortage, 1t was also suggested that the 2-center would come in very handy with retainmerchants, especially grocers, who under the new order of things have to mark up many odd-figure prices.

The in the "News of Fifty Years Arc. as printed in this paper last Thursday this item appears:

S. H. Hawes has just received at his conly yard, Eighteenth and Cary Streets, and in death of the same business steadiness and her "stick-to-litiveness." The same furnishes and her "stick-to-litiveness." The same business at the same stand, all of these fifty years the firm name has undergone but slight change, it becoming S. H. Hawes & Co., several years ago was taken, the Richmond Dispatch, February 21, 1868, also fairly years ago was taken, the Richmond out, would provide a convenient medium of exchange in purchasing newspapers, the price of which has generally advanced to 2 cents because of the news-print paper shortage, 1t was also suggested that the 2-center was the price of which has generally advanced to 2 cents because of the news-print paper shortage, 1t was also suggested that the 2-center was their nor

THINGS A RUSTIC SAW ON HIS VISIT TO RICHMOND

War Prices Shocked Him En Route, and Cohn's Street Cleaning Disgusted Him After Arrival.

FAMILIAR SCENE IN NEW DRESS

The Rustic's Amusing Experience With One of Richmond's Fads. Not Posted on Cafeterias, but Soon Learned the Ropes.

Colonel R. B. Berkeley, the venerable editor of the Farmville Herald, admits that he has done but little traveling in the past decade or two and has become a rustic, but he recently made a rip to Richmond and he saw and heard many new things to him, some pleased him and some did not.

According to the graphic account of the trip which he gives in the Herald the first shock to his nervous system occurred in Petersburg in the railway cents but now to get one for 45 cents, sun had not melted all the snow and ice when the colonel reached Richmond. and this displeased him. He gives Chief Street Cleaner Cohn a jab and advises him and his colaborers to go t) Farmville and take lessons in street

He strated out in search of old famiar places. He found one arrayed in new drabs, and here is what he says once the barroom of a leading hotel nd found the most elaborate soft drink establishment I ever saw. And the men gathered about the counter as they once did in front of the bar and repeating the familiar invitation, what will you have to drink? And I am told the profits are even better than when booze was sold. And everybody goes to bed sober and gets up next morning without the big headache

The colonel's experiences in one of Richmond's cafeterias was rich. He writes: "I was advised to take a meal In they could get the hands, but the lat the cafeteria and went to the great labor scarcity is still something of a greating house to find it crowded bugbear in Richmond manufacturing with caters. Not knowing the ropes at the cafeteria and went to the great when I entered, I took my seat and waited to be waited upon. But no one when I entered, I took my seat and waited to be waited upon. But no one responded and I asked the reason when I was told everybody who eats here waits on themselves. I was then handed a large waiter having on it a knite, fork, spoon and napkin, and then with the waiter in hand walked down the line of dishes selecting those I preferred and having reached the end of the row a girl took casual glance of my waiter and gave me the check. This was paid to the eashier when I ook a seat at the table and enjoyed the meal. This was all new with me but seems to be the find in Richmond just now and to watch those waiter toters makes interesting sight."

The rustic found the business part of Main Street a veritable bee hive of Industry, hustle and business, by the time he reached Broad Street the ice and the snow had departed and he ound the busy retail thoroughfare "arrayed in spring garh." By night he seems to have gotten entirely beyond the electric lights and had to rely on gas, for he says: "Blohmond gas comes nearer being no light" than any he ever had to contend with. He thinks old fashioned Prince Edward County tallow candles can beat it all hollow. The colonel has a good word to say or Richmond hotels, but he thinks his own town of Farmville has in the main better sidewalks than the capital city.

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There is a touch of sadness in the There is a touch of sadness in the ollowing from Colonel Berkeley's interesting Richmond letter: "I played shy of the Capitol as I no longer know the law makers. My companions in politics well nigh all dead or retired."

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ne request that it be labeled as her sentiments and published. The clipping reads in part:

Thefore the war corn was the cheap food. The fact that, with our entrance into the war, the price of cornmeal crept higher and higher till it made wheat flour cheap by comparison was one of the surprises to the housewife who must be counted on to achieve the victory expressed by the sloran, 'Food will win the war!' What is true of cornmeal is true of other substitutes for wheat flour Somethins wrong when patriotic housewives are penalized for their efforts to conserve wheat. It wouldn't be fair to permit profiteering in wheat substitutes, and if the fault is in distribution that defect should have prompt attention from the government."

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